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Comment : I believe that by eliminating the 5 WPM code requirement from Amateur Licensing that the FCC is severely limiting the Amateur Services capability to provide communication in time of emergency.

Often times when storms like Katrina or even potentially damaging terrorist events occur equipment is severely damaged and facilities to establish transmission sites are extremely limited.

CW (radiotelegraphy) represents a technology that can easily be used in creating a transmitting device capable of sending intelligible information for hundreds of miles. By deleting the need for morse code in the licensing structure it will severely limit the pool of trained operators. Look at the recent movie "Forth of July" the writers understood the importance of CW capabilities in rebuilding destroyed communications infrastructures.

Five words per minute is not a significantly limiting factor in the obtaining of an amateur radio license. DO NOT ELIMINATE IT.